

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FEBRUARY 6th, 1912.

TO THE FILEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,—In presenting you my

REPORT FOR THE PAST YEAR, 1911.

Birth-rate for the Year, 21·3. I beg to inform you that sixty-nine births were registered in Filey during 1911. Thirty-seven males and thirty-two females. This gives a birth-rate for the year of twenty-one decimal three.

Death-rate for the Year, 16·7. Fifty-four deaths occurred during the year. Twenty-seven females and twenty-seven males. This gives a death-rate for the year of sixteen decimal seven.

The deaths in the district occurred at the following ages:

| Under 1 year: | 1 to 2: | 2 to 5: | 5 to 15: | 15 to 25: | 25 to 45: | 45 to 65: | Over 65: |
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| 6 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 20 |

If we deduct the deaths of non-residential persons for the year—our death-rate would be 14·1 for the year.

Coroner's inquests were held in five cases during the year—the aviation disaster causing two deaths.

During the year we had an Epidemic of Scarlet Fever. The Schools were closed for several weeks, and a Special Report on the matter was made to you. During the Epidemic the want of an Isolation Hospital was very much felt, and I hope that the Scheme of the County Council, under the "Isolation Hospital Acts," will shortly be carried into effect.

In relation to the New Act with regard to the Housing of the Working Classes an inspection of the district has been commenced by the Sanitary Inspector and myself, and is still in progress.

Particulars of inspections made during the year, 1911, are as follow, viz.:

Number of houses inspected, 52. Providence Place, Reynolds' Yard, Clifford's Yard & Mariners' Terrace. Number of houses in which defects were remedied without the making of closing orders, 43.

Number of houses unfit for habitation, 3. The last mentioned houses have been closed by the owners without orders being made.

No difficulty has up to the present been experienced in dealing with owners of property affected by the act, the requirements of the Council sometimes entailing considerable expense, having been readily met in each case.

Up to the present we have found no cases of overcrowding, and few structural defects in the houses. The principal defects which have been remedied consist mainly in Improvements in Lighting, Drainage, Paving, and in several instances additional Closet accommodation has been required and provided.

The Council undertake the supply of water under a private act, and the water is abundant in quantity, and excellent in quality. The main source of supply is from an artesian well, which is 365 feet from the surface, the water is pumped directly into the mains, the surplus water being stored in the reservoirs at Hunmanby. I have visited the reservoirs and found everything in good condition. It is, I think, desirable that a chemical and a bacteriological analysis should be made from time to time, and the Water Committee have recently given instructions for such to be made.

The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops in the district have been regularly inspected and found satisfactory. The Milk supply is excellent, a considerable quantity, especially during the Season comes into the town from outside the Urban District.

The Sewerage and Drainage of the town, during the year, has been satisfactory and sufficient, the outfall being into the sea, below low water mark. During the year one of the main drains has been considerably extended, and there are now no houses in the district that are not connected to the Sewerage System.

The Scavenging is undertaken by the Council, and is well and efficiently performed. The refuse is sold for agricultural purposes and is not allowed to accumulate.

It appears from the Sanitary Inspector's Report that 60 legal notices were issued with respect to Sanitary matters, during the year, and in all 361 Sanitary operations were carried out in 207 separate premises.

The Schools in the district have been regularly inspected, and there has been no cause for complaint. The Medical Inspection of the Children is carried out by the County Council.

I have inspected the several Factories and Workshops in the district during the year, and found them well ventilated, and no overcrowding, and in good sanitation.

There are six Slaughter-houses in the district which have been periodically examined, and found well kept, and clean. I have found no diseased or tuberculous meat in the course of my inspection.

I append statistics showing the causes of all deaths during the year, also the infant mortality, and infectious diseases tables for our district.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

J. THOMAS HAWORTH.

